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From: Kristin Hathhorn [mailto:hathbat@yahoo.com]
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Subject: Juneau Road Access

Hello,
I am writing this letter in opposition to the Juneau Access Road. As a citizen of Haines, I find the need for this road unnecessary. In a time of shrinking budgets and other, more important transportation needs else where in the state (Haines for example), I find it hard to believe the State of Alaska continues to pursue this overly expensive project. I have personally hiked portions of the proposed route and have come to these conclusions: 1) the road would be constructed through some very environmentally sensitive areas 2) the road can't possibly be built for the amount stated 3) as indicated in DOT's own report, the road would be closed a fair amount of days throughout the year for various reason related to its location 4) DOT's own assessment states that in the long run, the road will be more expensive to maintain then the ferry system now in place 5) the ferry system is safe 6) how to walk-ons get from the Katzehein to Juneau?

The road would not be used by those who want to access their legislative representatives face-to-face. Having driven from both Fairbanks and Anchorage in the winter to Haines anyone wishing to get to Juneau would fly. I have keep close track of my costs and in the end, flying is quicker, safer, and cheaper.

I implore all those involved to consider the long term effects this project would have and make the right decision to cancel it now and put are limited resources to use where it will do the most good.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Sincerely, Mark Battaion, Haines, AK

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